

SELECTED WRITINGS

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Anarchist Black Dragon!

WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY



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Selected Writings - (1978-1982) - ANARCHIST BLACK DRAGON

For those of you who are familiar, indeed acquainted with the men and the writings of the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective of the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla, this short collection will serve as an historic reminder of the price that is often paid by both the oppressed and the oppressors in the American system (sic) of penology. The literary and physical actions taken by the members of the Collective and other inmates to counter massive, inhumane and illegal abuses should have served as a lesson.....Unfortunately, it seems they did not.

For those of you who are not familiar, it is hoped that the following few pages, such a very few of many, will interest you and enlighten you to the point where you will take action to stop the injustices that force men and women in the prisons of the United States to "revolt" to the extent that such retaliation is made.

Through Survival Network affiliate, Bayou La Rose, many people world-wide were made aware of the horrors of life (7) behind the walls of Walla Walla before the May 9 hostage-taking and before the murder of Carl Harp. Can we learn from the words of the men involved how to prevent the lethargy that allowed Carl to be killed? It is certainly hoped.

The time passes and with my last visit to Walla Walla (in February of 1984) the situation seemed calm. The insidious repression and harassment of both inmates and families is still ever pervasive and the Washington State method of dealing with legalities still leaves much to be desired, even to meet with Federal and Constitutional standards, there are still no valid programs of rehabilitation or preparation to face the outside world after a time of incarceration, but it appears calm.

Carl's death left a gaping hole that only time can cover, never heal. There are too many memories and too few lessons learned in that loss. The collective is again off "front street" with only co-founder, John Bosch still openly "active", but the spirit is strong and the ABCD will still live and continue on as long as there are people being abused, misused, oppressed and repressed. If the state of Washington obeys its own laws John will be released this year and a complete Anthology of the words and the story of the Anarchist Black Dragon and Collective can and will be told.

As an on-going project of the Survival Network, an "Anarchist Black Dragon Anthology" is being prepared. Any donations, suggestions or assistance you may wish to give should be directed to the ABCD Support Group, P. O. Box 52282, New Orleans, LA, 70152.

In the memory of Carl Harp & In Solidarity with Mother Earth,
Thank you, Jeanne

THE SURVIVAL NETWORK is made up of over 70 affiliated groups and individuals. Members include Indian activists, Unionists, Feminists, Prisoners, Black activists, Anti-nuclear activists, Earth Healers, and others. THE SURVIVAL NETWORK seeks to build a network of support for land, worker, prisoner and other survival struggles in the face of the growing danger to the earth and her people. It is a non-political, activist network of autonomous groups united in the spirit of free agreement and working together for the survival of Mother Earth and the well being of all. Subscriptions of the Survival Network Newsletter can be attained by sending \$10.00 to The Survival Network Information Center, P. O. Box 52282, New Orleans, LA, 70152. Donations are also gratefully accepted. Thank you.

CARL HARP

Harp is an Anarchist Communist most noted for his poetry and art work. He is a propagandist in word and deed, in addition to being a jail-house lawyer. He studies Philosophy and Political Economics.

He is well-equipped to engage in thought provoking debate on the various political systems.

Because of this, he has often been attacked, in writing and with actual physical violence, but his position remains unchanged.

His writing and art have been enjoyed worldwide and his contributions to a unity arrived at through acceptance of each other on a personal level show a clear understanding of the world.

The State's imprisonment of Harp is generally taken as both a compliment of his work and a mistake on the part of the State.

He likes jelly beans (pink), hates jelly beans (orange), dislikes seagulls and can't stand flies.

JOHN H. BOSCH

Bosch joined the Collective some time ago under the assumption that he might be able to accomplish something useful and at the same time perhaps get his basic ideas across in such a way as to prevent any misconceptions arising out of people taking his quotes out of context. He is a theoretician, a propagandist, and (according to some) an "effete intellectual". He is interested in many of the areas of political theory and has often been attacked by Democrats, Republicans, Communists, Socialists, Monarchists, Theocrats, house cats, and an occasional irate Pekinese.

His stand in the Anarchist circles seems at times to be a little left of Left, but he explains that by saying, "We can't all be right, can we?" He started as an Bogist, ventured further into Mutualism, and is getting progressively worse as time goes on.,

SEAN FAIN

Fain is the chief theoretician and one of the more serious members of the Collective. Most of his writing tends toward the "Utopian goals" all Anarchists are accused of striving for, but in some respects he has been able to bring these ideas forward in such a way that the goals seem to be easily accessible to everyone.

His main concerns center around the need for education to insure the people of being able to make competent decisions based on an abundant supply of fact and theory. As such, his style is at once somewhat stilted and yet flows easily from one idea to the next, showing the progression of each thought to its inevitable end.

CAPT. KILLJOY

The Captain (one of a few, by the way) is simply an over-age Yippie-type who never leareened that Individualism and Anarchy are impossible to accomplish. He seems to figure that taking anything seriously is a severe handicap to the full enjoyment he intends to capture for himself. Where some have been known to say, "The situation is very serious, but never hopeless!", he believes, "The situation is hopeless but never serious."

CAPT. MIDNIGHT

Capt. Midnight (another Capt.?) is a radical militant Anarchist Communist who believes that structure is everything, both individually and collectively. He is a tactician who spends a great deal of time studying structures, and is an active instigator and propagandist. His three main beliefs center around self-reliance, self-discipline, and self-responsibility. He has been and now is involved in all levels of struggle, believing that everything has its purpose and everyone their talent.

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The only Good State is a State of mind that practices in word and deed its Revolutionary Thought...

Well, here we are again folks. Our first issue was about ten pages long; we sent it to comrades in Oregon for printing and distribution, but it seems to have disappeared and no one is answering our letters about it. We don't know what to think about that so we won't and will get on to issue number two.

Much has happened here in the past few months, and things are touch and go. At anytime we expect another lock-down here only this is promised by the forces of evil to be a long one. In July the State arrested a number of outside people, and threw in the hole some prisoners, claiming they were in some Brigade associated with the George Jackson Brigade, and that they were all conspiring to escape from this prison. So far the State has released all but one of the outside people, and has charged no Brothers inside. Ed Mead (captured George Jackson Brigade Member), Danny Atteberry, Joseph Green, and Mark La Rue, were the prisoners arrested inside and they are still in solitary confinement. Letters of protest about this, and the conditions and treatment in solitary/segregation to the Governor of this State (Dixie Lee Ray) would be appreciated by the Brothers. The unit is a Behavior Modification Unit and the Brothers are still fighting tooth and nail against the forces of evil in there. One prison committed suicide a few days ago.

Shortly after the above a bomb went off in the officers control room injuring three guards one latter died (they were playing with the bomb!). We had a two week lock-down behind that, and the Director of Corrections and the Warden quit/were fired, both had been here less than a year. At the same time two prisoners made good an escape, haven't been seen since, Right On! After the lock-down two guards off duty took shots at the guard towers, no charges have been brought against them, they were merely fired.

While this issue goes to press racial tension on a first time serious level is rising in this prison but the struggle to stop it is being waged by all sides, to stop it takes more than words and we hope that practice tells the story positively for all. The enemy Brothers, and Sisters, is not each other, it is the State.

We wish to thank all of you out there who know of us here, and have sent us letters of support. For the rest of you reading this we are known as the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective. We are all male prisoners, some of us are white, some black, some red, and some brown. Many of us are gay. We do not wish to say how many of us there are or who we are for obvious reasons, but we have been in existence for approximately one year now. We are Bakuninists as far as organization goes. Some of us are Anarchist Communists, others are Anarchists, and some are just Anarchist minded. We are into propaganda, agitation, instigation, and study. Your support is vital to our existence literally. This publication can not at this time come out above ground regularly, so we have no address to write to. Any and all communication with us must be done through outside Anarchist Publications with a request to them to print it so we can see it.

The Revolution is not above us, nor below us, nor on our left, nor our right, not in front, nor in back.

Revolution is what we are, and where we are.

That is our Revolution.

The only good State is a State of mind that practices in word and deed it's Revolutionary Thought...

NOTE; This second printing of the Anarchist Black Dragon was done essentially for Canadian distribution as no more copies of the first run from the states are available.

The A.B.D. constitutes an important step in the revolutionary struggle, for it was clandestinely put together by a collective of prisoners in the maximum security Walla Walla Pen. Make no mistake about it, as unfree as we are on the outside, it doesn't even begin to compare to being in prison. One comrade in the collective said, "It takes 10 times the amount of energy and dedication to accomplish in prison what can be done on the outside."

Fortunately, there are many prisoners who are fighting and winning against the shit that even the state has officially branded as abhorrent. It's obvious too, that their struggle depends a great deal on the support received from the outside. Since our locked-up brothers and sisters lack so much that we have, any and every bit of help is greatly appreciated and efficiently utilized. A buck isn't much these days, but they can sure use it in prison. Stamps, literature and of course, correspondence do wonders. A glance inside these pages will reveal a portion of many activities going on inside.

Get back to the A.B.D. collective through Carl Harp 126-516, Box 520, Walla Walla, WA. 99362. Be discrete by not mentioning this publication on the envelope. You understand. You can also help by passing this copy around, especially to other prisoners. To get on the mailing list, write to the above address, or to us. Solidarity Committee, Box 2, Sta. La Cité, Montréal, Quebec.

Yours in love and anarchy,

S.C.

THE DRAGON SPEAKS

Well, issue number two is out of the way and the only word we've gotten on it has been really good. People seem to be digging on the routine we're rapping down. Issue number one is still floating around out there somewhere. Still haven't heard about that one yet. Win a few, lose a few.

One of the things we'd like to do right off is to thank all the folks who made this possible. We have gotten quite a bit of support already, enough to get by at least, and it sure is gratifying to know that we're still loved. We would like to thank you all in person, but you know how that goes.

The prison is still here and, as you can see by this issue, lots of other prisons are out there, too. We've dedicated this one issue to the various struggles throughout the prisons of the world. Ireland, France, Canada. Brothers and Sisters being thrown into cages for one thing or another. What can you say about a situation like that? Plenty. One prison is pretty much like another. The problems here are pretty similar to the problems in any other country that has a system for locking human beings up and then dropping the tab on those that aren't. Some prisons are overcrowded. Most are run like a bankrupt business. All are inhuman. All have "behavior modification units". All are used to break people, to trample them into a mold that no sane person would willingly accept.

So it really doesn't matter where the prison is located or what particular "system" is used to run it. All are an evil instituted by the State to press it's standards upon those who resist it. In short, prison is Rape.

Think about that a minute. No sane person willingly allows themselves to be tossed in a cage, beat up, set up, stomped on, and fucked with. Yet there are people who will willingly toss you in a cage, beat you up, set you up, stomp you good, and constantly harass you, all for no other reason except that "It's good business" or they just plain enjoy doing it. Isn't that rape? Forcing a person to undergo indignity simply because the one pressing it wants to do it and feels that he has the 'right'? Isn't that rape? Damn right it is. No other way of looking at it. Getting down to it, then, there is a very simple choice to make. Put up or shut up. Keep getting raped or fight like hell.

Don't know about all you folks out there in the "Straight" world, but lots of us are tired of getting raped. So there just isn't enough time left to bend over and take it any more. Get the picture? Ever see a Dragon get raped constantly? No way. Once or twice some Statist pig beureaucrat might sneak up and hit us from behind, but it sure doesn't get to be a habit. We be breathing fire like you ain't never seen when the time comes for it.

Brothers, that time is now. Sisters, that time is now, we are hearing you and with you in your righteous love and rage. Let's get the bullshit out of the way so we can sit back and do it right. Live, love, do whatever else there is to do with all the brothers and sisters to do it with.

Let's get it done as we get it together, but first let's get rid of the bullshit, you all know what that is inside and outside i.e. the many personal and political games we have played on us and that we play amongst ourselves.

There is unity in numbers, and we are only as powerful as we are together. Come together! The prison movement is alive and growing, be a part of it and join hands and hearts with the over-all struggles to deal with the enemy, to make change, to gain real FREEDOM. The enemy is the MAN, not each other...

Neither God Nor Master

- ABDC -

(Anarchist Black Dragon Collective)

PRISON

For all the terrible stories one hears about prisons, it would appear that there really isn't too much good that can be said. But the fact remains that these places can be used for the advancement of our goals. In prison you can learn many things - most "illegal"; to be sure - that can help you overcome the obstacles put before you "on the outside."

The State has the idea that putting a person in prison will stop his interests in illegal pursuits. But with so many people with the same interests jammed into the same area it becomes obvious pretty quickly that some of the information regarding various hobbies and/or occupations will undoubtedly rub off. Since this is so apparent, why not take advantage of it?

We do not advocate that one should build bombs to redecorate police stations or should learn armed robbery techniques to hit the Corner Grocery. But we do advocate that a person learn how and when to defend themselves. We do advocate that the people learn how different people react and the various value systems there seem to be. Prison is supposed to be an education. So learn.

Capt. Killjoy, ABDC

REVOLUTION

Revolution is a necessity, but it is not about hurting people, and violence. It is about changes.

To do that best is to live your life right, clean and good, always upfront, if you do not violate the peoples trust they will always back you up.

To be a Revolutionary we must be real, responsible, and independent

To win we must not support the system that enslaves us in any manner, we must take care of ourselves and learn how to make alliving for ourselves and others. We must be self-reliant in all we do.

Change is mandatory, and only we can do it, no one else will do it for us.....

Capt. Midnight - ABDC-

Prisoners who do not destroy the prison⁵ can never really escape

THE DRAGON SPEAKS

Well, once again it's time to get on the machine and talk about recent developments here and there. This issue is primarily set up to reflect our particular theories and philosophies as related to these issues. A great deal of thought has gone into these essays and a great deal more will be forthcoming as situations change and we correct inaccurate data or badly structured ideas.

Right now we are engaged in a touchy situation in prison. The State is attempting to screw the citizens out of hard-earned cash to build new prisons. The Administration of these prisons wants tighter security, more authority to manhandle and intimidate the inmates, and, of course, more money for less work. There are only a limited number of ways these goals can be accomplished.

The situation is getting volatile. What little privacy we once had is being eroded as much as possible. Since a New York court shot down the skin-search rules, these searches have reached an all-time high here at the Walls. The reason is obvious. Since the cons here know that it's illegal, the humiliation involved is increased. The more humiliation a man is subjected to, the greater tension he is placed under. When he finally blows up, the Administration has all the excuse it needs to come down hard on us all.

Another problem is the overcrowding. This place is so full that people are being placed in Protective Custody (PC) simply because there are no available houses. This puts a "snitch jacket" on the man, and if he is ever released from PC, he better have a damn good reason for being there. That is, if he has the time to explain it to people. He just might get killed before that.

Other problems here are the burglaries and break-ins perpetrated against inmates by the Administration. FUSE (Felons Unification for Self-Endeavor), was recently broken into and valuable property removed from their offices. FUSE has been active with a lobby in Olympia and has recently submitted legislation to alleviate the oppressive conditions here and at other prisons throughout the entire State of Washington. The "contraband" confiscated was a collection of the proposed legislation and evidence supporting their allegations against the Administration.

This evidence included the facts pertaining to the shooting of two inmates (unarmed) attempting to escape through a tunnel dug under the west wall. The Administration knew about the planned escape a month before it happened. They made no attempt to stop it. They simply waited to shoot the escapees as they made their way out. Then they released a cover-up story to the press that showed the guards as heroes. Nobody asked the escapees for their version of it.

Another problem is the secret file kept on prisoners. Anything can go in to them. The prisoner is not allowed to see them and is thus either unaware of the accusations being made against him or is simply powerless to correct them. Washington State is of the opinion that the Freedom of Information Act does not cover them.

This puts the prisoner in two bad situations. The first is that he is often subjected to a greater amount of time in addition to a minimum sentence that he has already served. The second is that, because of the erroneous information contained in these files, he is subject to be murdered by the State upon his release. Since he is usually unaware of these files he is not in a position to defend himself against any actions perpetrated upon him. If the record is found to be in error after he is dead, the usual excuse is that the State agents involved had no way of knowing that at the time. "Sorry 'bout that, fella."

This brings us to the question about what can be done to remedy the situation. The answer is, "Not much." The only things we can do against attacks on us while we are incarcerated are usually confined to passive and peaceful resistance. Submit to skin searches under protest. Keep clean. Get rid of any weapons the guards may find. Fight every bust. Write letters to friends, family, and representatives informing them of all the details of the intrusion. Contact the media. Inform support groups. Record everything. If you see someone being harrassed by the guards, stay around and be a witness. You are then subject to the same indignity, but it makes our position a bit stronger and the State's weaker.

Some groups and individuals have gone so far as to suggest sabotage of the State's property. These suggestions have ranged from such simple acts as throwing away tools and eating utensils, loading up the sick call lists, and taking your time doing whatever it is you are doing, to pouring abrasive compounds in State vehicles, stealing records from the Administrative Offices, writing up infraction reports on guards, and flooding the courts with writs and suits. Some people have even begun to study the Law, then turned around and used the State's Law against it.

Whatever you decide to do, do it in a peaceful and friendly manner. Do not threaten the guards. Actions like that only strengthen their position while they weaken ours. But, if we resist the State peacefully, especially if we challenge them in their own courts with their own laws, we can bring enough heat down on the system that it will be forced to re-access its position. Show the citizens that a great amount of crime is perpetrated by the guards against the prisoners. If we can do this, we will win.

They have the guns, but we have each other. Defeat the State by the State.

- Anarchist Black Dragon Collective -

THE COMMUNIST QUESTION

Over the years Anarchists have looked for help in their never-ending struggle to bring about a world of total freedom and equality for all people. This search has oftentimes led to death, frustration, and the dungeons of the local prisons. As Anarchists, we are often familiar with the feeling of being alone and greatly outnumbered, but we constantly look for ways to relieve ourselves of the "it's me against the world" syndrome. One of these ways is by aligning ourselves with a powerful force that appears at our side during these bouts of depression. This force is the Communist cell.

Communists hardly ever call themselves this anymore because of the unpopular connotations linked to this political philosophy over the years. So Communists are getting in short supply. However, any neighborhood will yield its share of Marxist-Leninists. That's the "new" name. They are coming out of the woodwork like never before. "We are the real revolutionaries.", they will tell you. "Everything for the good of the people."

Well, it just ain't so. You can put a beautiful coat of metalflake paint on a pile of bullshit, but that in no way stops it from being bullshit. A Communist by any other name is still a Communist. They speak of the "will of the people", but when they have their turn at bat they suddenly forget the promises of freedom that they made to the masses. They conveniently forget that it is the people who know what the people want. They forget that the people were promised the right to govern their own lives. They claim to be the "servants of the people", yet they forget that a servant does not dictate to the master.

By aligning ourselves with Communists, no matter what the circumstances, we are putting ourselves in jeopardy. We must let our allies know our actions to some degree, but the Communists have a bad habit of being political opportunists. Let them know what your plans are and you will suddenly find out that they have developed a "brand new program" that has a very familiar sound. And for some unexplained reason you are suddenly the villain.

Communists love to organize. Let one into your cell or organization and shortly more will be in. As soon as it happens you can bet your favorite freedom that there will be a take-over and the Anarchists will be left out in the cold. The Anarchist program, reputation, and even his essential liberty will be taken and used against him. If the program fails, as they so often do in Communist hands, then the Communists point out that it was an Anarchist group that failed and that "the valiant efforts of the vanguard of the revolution" were too late to save the program.

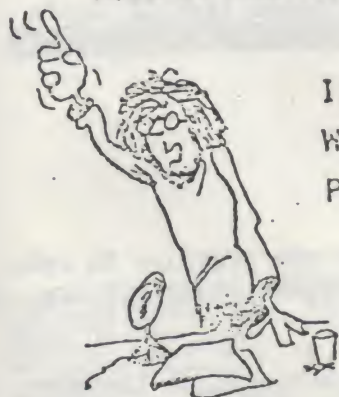
Manipulation is one of the strongest games that the enemy can play, and Communists are masters at it. He knows that if he mouths the words that the people want to hear often enough, he can appeal to their vanity rather than their good sense. He will employ this technique well.

What more can be said? Are you an Anarchist? Do you identify with the Left? Then it should be apparent to you that any political group other than Anarchy is right-wing. Does it appear that Communism is "the lesser of several evils"? The same can be said of lung cancer over leukemia. But both will still kill you.

Do you advocate "the will of the people"? Then we must assume that Hitler was right because the majority of "good Germans" went along with his programs.

But if you are an Anarchist and believe that all people are entitled to the benefits of freedom, then you will not allow yourself to be taken in by the rhetoric of any other political system. So be an Anarchist. Stand tall and tell the Communists to pack it up.

Look at history. It will tell you the same thing.



I SPEAK FOR THE PEOPLE
WHEN I SAY, "LET THE
PEOPLE SPEAK FOR THEM-
SELVES!"

- Sean Fain -

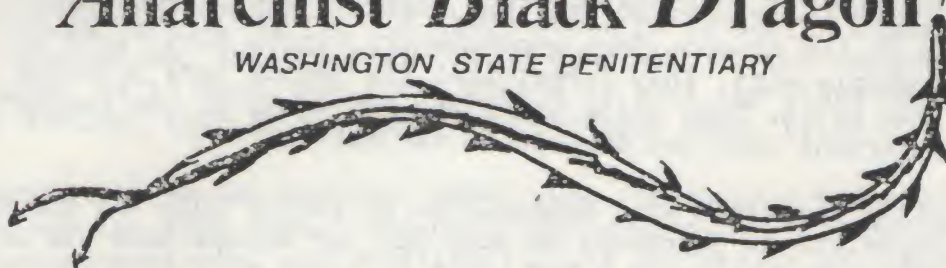
If anarchism is to exist in reality, it is to draw the people and justify itself as as a practical revolutionary ideology without being demagogic, it must not only reaffirm its anti-statism as a determining condition for the triumph of freedom, but must accompany the criticism of authoritarianism with the practice of permanent rebellion.

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Anarchist Black Dragon!

WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY



Dear Brothers And Sisters:

No matter what you are or who you think you are
you are all prisoners to the forces of evil.

Stop playing games with each other.
Stop fighting with each other.
Stop killing each other.

We are one class of human beings, let us come
together and turn as one to face the only enemy
of us all.

Stop playing games with each other.
Stop fighting with each other.
Stop killing each other.

The forces of evil keep us divided and conquered,
rise up above the ignorance and spit in their faces.

Stop playing games with each other.
Stop fighting with each other.
Stop killing each other.

Come together and find the power to overcome our
powerlessness.

Love And Rage,

Anarchist Black Dragon Collective



THE DRAGON SPEAKS

You know, it's really amazing how most people in prison can organize to rob, rape, beat, and murder each other. But very rarely can these same prisoners organize to fight the only enemy of us all.

It's kind of frustrating to do anything positive in prison against the enemy and watch one's back, too. And it's really heartbreaking to see all the enemy made ignorance so well ingrained in the thoughts and actions of prisoners. Especially when we all know it is ignorance.

Sexism in prison is sadly funny. It doesn't matter who is on top or who is on the bottom - it's still a homosexual act. Most people in prison are either bisexual or have had a homosexual encounter. So why do we disrespect each other so? Why do we treat homosexuals worse than rats? Shouldn't we feel ashamed of the way we treat other human beings? Buying and selling other prisoners, having sex with them and putting them down, raping, robbing, beating, and murdering them because they are weak and/or gay, is sickening and makes us just as much of a PIG as the enemy. We are all prisoners in here no matter who we think we are or what we are. Why can't we come together against our real enemy?

Are you so weak that when the enemy's boot is on your neck all you can think to do is to put your boot on your Brothers' and Sisters' necks instead of up the ass of the enemy?

And let's discuss Racism in prison. Don't you feel ridiculous calling another Brother or Sister a "nigger", a "honkey", whatever - and wanting a riot - especially when you know we're all "niggers" in the eyes of the enemy? The enemy loves it when we fight and kill each other. Who wins in a race riot? The Whites? The Blacks? The Browns? If you picked any color you're wrong. It's the enemy that wins. He kills off the "winner". The old Divide and Conquer game is all that Racism is. We aren't born Racist so why should we live as Racists?

Another of the Racist games coming into prominence is the "reverse discrimination" ploy. There have been recent cases where this "reverse discrimination" crap has caused all sorts of hassles between Brothers and Sisters. Discrimination is discrimination no matter who the victim is. Tactics such as this simply cause the enemy to sit back and laugh at us some more. It's his game either way.

Sexism and Racism are Products and Tools of the enemy. The enemy uses them to Divide and Conquer us - he uses them to keep us as slaves! If you are not a slave and don't wish to be, then STOP THE FUCKING IGNORANCE!

We are only as powerful as we are together in here and right now, more than ever before in history, we need to come together, Brothers and Sisters. We must come together against the only enemy of us all.

There is no reason, no justification, for what we do to each other in here, especially when we all know who the real enemy is. For any of us to be free, to even survive individually and collectively, we must change and make change. We can only do that by changing ourselves and the world around us. As long as we play games with each other - rob, rape, beat, and murder each other - we cannot even think about change and real freedom, we cannot call ourselves human beings.

We can begin the process of change anytime we desire by not doing negative things to each other and by organizing with friends against those who do. We can all put it back on the enemy by confronting him with it and demanding that it stop. If that doesn't work we can force him to stop it in any manner that is necessary. We have the right to self-defense.

Pass the word - WE ARE ALL ONE AND WE
ARE NOT THE ENEMY. UNITE! FIGHT IGNORANCE!

Nothing to lose but our chains

Women Behind Bars/LNY

A.B.D.C.



LETTER FROM CARL HARP ON MAY 9TH ACTION

The position of the Middle Class and its legal community in this country around incidents like May 9, 1979 is that if the state wishes to rape anyone, the victim is legally unable to stop it by any means other than those chosen by the rapist. When the rape is done the victim cannot do anything about it then, but petition the rapist not to rape them anymore. If the rapist does not wish to stop raping them or even if the rapist agrees not to rape them anymore and then changes his mind, the victim cannot do anything about it because only petitions to the rapist are legal. The rapist says so and if the victim does not agree, they will be raped until they do, or murdered by the rapist. Everyone in this class agrees that it is not right, it is not just, but it is legal because the rapist is the law.

These people condemn Nazi Germany's inhumanity, though Hitler was the law there and therefore legally in the right. Yet, they condone America's inhumanity because America is where they live. To do otherwise is to reject their master, the confronts he allows them and the position he gives them in his system so long as they are loyal. These people pay lip service to the conditions and treatment that leads people to use illegal means, but their attention focuses on the 'illegal mean' only. They desert those who are forced to use it - their master demands that.

The only time these people use illegal means or condone them is when the master is so out of line that he is also raping them beyond toleration and without compensation. Until this happens the most these people do is petition, or share a little in the rape of others so they don't rebel against their own rape.

One must in all honesty admit that many of these people believe in the system and that it only requires reform to change its rapist nature. These people hold back change because they fear it and want their comforts and positions now. Whatever humanity makes them come out and attempt change is hampered by their conditioning and naivety, and is wasted in voting and reforms.

These people in revolutionary organisations and movements hinder revolutionary thought and action and frustrate the intent of the people. To be blunt, they are cowards when the crisis comes, or is about to, and do everything they can consciously or unconsciously to stop or change the direction of a movement that threatens their personal security and comfort.

If you are a revolutionary however, positive change by any means necessary is your priority. By any means necessary, I underline to denote the difference between authoritarian and non-authoritarian means. The latter uses means that are necessary when they are necessary, always realising that the means determine the ends. Imposed authority and imposed leadership are authoritarian. The only acceptable "leadership" is the collective leading itself. A good ship needs no captain. On May 9th, there was no leader. We all did what needed to be done to set an example and inspire others.

Now I go into history to show that I am right to do what I have done on May 9, 1979. Those who do not know the history and have not experienced first hand the American Penal System cannot judge prisoner's tactics and means as right or wrong.

For two hundred years, America has admitted that the cornerstone of its Penal System is built around force and violence, that it is a failure, a swindle of the honest dollar of every tax payer, a sad, cruel, inhuman joke - yet it remains and even grows larger with every passing day.

For two hundred years all the police, the guards, the administration, the lawyers, the prosecutors, the judges, the politicians and everyone connected to the penal system have known that it is nothing but a collection of ghettos, warehouses, camps, places of human misery, suffering, waste, insanity, death, and all manner of evil. But if the prisoners in them protest, they are punished, if they rebel, they are the animals, the criminal, and are treated accordingly.

Prison is constant and continuous violence on all levels of one's being, and this violence goes on twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty-five days of the year up to forever.

I was railroaded to prison for crimes I did not do. I came here innocent with four consecutive life terms and no possibility of parole because I refused to plead guilty. I refused to cease my appeals, and my legal and political work for Justice and Human Rights. For this, everything imaginable had been done to me while here and I have seen everything imaginable.

No matter why I am in prison, I have the right as a human being to be free from violence in any shape or form that it appears in because it is a violence that no man or woman has the right to impose on me. Especially when the violence is unjust and illegal by their own moral and legal codes.

The courts could not save us before May 9, 1979 and neither will they now because our enemy controls them outright for all intents and purposes. I have tried that route many times myself and for others. I have verbally and in writing repeatedly asked, demanded and even pleaded for my enemy to cease the violence upon me and around me, and warned him of my rights to self-defence by my own hands or through others. That came to nothing save more violence upon me in all manner of forms.

To do nothing but repeat my failures, the recorded failures, for Justice is to be a coward and as responsible as everyone else for the injustice. If they will not listen to reason and legal appeals, I have the right as a human being to free myself of the violence and them by any means necessary.

The best way to attempt to deal with this situation and possibly survive it was to find some means, i.e. threat, force, hostages, and public attention. I used a knife and fake bombs as threats. By force, I seized a piece of the earth and those on it that I could be secure in. As self-defence, I held un-ignorant people who served the enemy willingly or unwillingly whom I knew the enemy would not harm if I could help it, and I gained public attention.

Outright violence was not necessary and would have served my cause nothing. What I and my comrades were trying to do was for others as well as ourselves. We knew violence would be serving the enemy so we settled for merely exposing the enemy. I could have escaped rather than do what I did, but that would involve violence that I did not wish to use. Also, it means running away leaving others at the mercy of our common enemy.

But, I must defend my action on May 9th?

The means I used to defend myself were forced upon me. The insult to my injury is that I get punished for fighting for my legal human rights, and then I must defend myself in their courts according to their rules!

If we are convicted by a jury, that jury condones the evil. If we are acquitted and changes are made, such incidents as May 9th, 1979 may never occur again. If I and my comrades are guilty of anything, we are guilty of not doing more sooner. Even Gandhi wrote at certain times (1919 and 1921 in the publication Young India): "No rules can tell us how disobedience may be done and by whom, when, and where, nor can they tell us which laws foster untruth. It is only experience that can guide us." And, "I do believe that where there is only a choice between cowardness and violence, I would advise violence."

We rebelled against tyranny, that is our right as human beings no matter what the law. Out rebellion served a vital social purpose and while in other cases the rule against hostage taking might be reasonable, it is not in this case. In this case the law seriously encroaches upon our human rights and it had to be violated. To exalt the rule of law as an absolute is the mark of totalitarianism in a society which claims to be a democracy.

To win against this evil, all levels of struggle must be brought to bear upon it. To be acquitted here, everyone must rally to the banner of Justice and Human Rights we held high.

I and my comrades ask no one to support or to approve of our means, all we ask, even demand, is that we not be deserted to our enemy and that what we tried to do be finished for the sake of humanity. The means are not the issue here and we ask all to rally to what is the issue. Without large scale if not mass support, we lose and evil triumphs over us all.

We need protest letters, demonstrations, funds, stamps, literature, anything and one that might help. If we generate enough support, the middle class will maybe support us. Try to generate a revolution in prison and settle for a large active prison movement outside that is desperately needed by all prisoners. A movement that is effective on at least a few more levels than now.

Prisoners are ready, they lack only support and until that comes, they will not rise up politically for fear of committing suicide in the vast majority. Every class and every struggle exists in the prisons. Therefore to me, the prison struggle is mandatory and should be a support priority of the left. Here unity can be achieved with and by all and we can gain strength here to down the enemy. We are isolated because few recognise the depth and importance of the prison movements struggle. The revolution in America will not come from anywhere else but here in my opinion unless inspired from here.

We need support. It's life and death in prison. The inside and outside united can be a powerful force.

Love and Rage, - Carl -

CONCERNING VIOLENCE

Quite a few people seem to think that I have this propensity for violence and death. While it may appear to be so on the surface, a deeper examination of the situation reveals that the opposite is the case.

The object of my acts, my destination if you will, is life. The forces I employ are on occasion violent, but violence is only a means and not an end in itself. When reason fails, or more correctly, when the application of reason is rejected or a reasonable course of action is dismissed by the parties to the confrontation, violence is often the only way to accomplish the goal one strives for.

Many people operate under the assumption that they have a "right" to force and coerce someone else into doing their bidding. To this end they deny to others the "right" they claim for themselves. As such, they have set themselves up as masters and the occasion arises when they must, for the sake of freedom at the very least, be taken down.

If the force of arms is employed as a tactic against one, that one oftentimes requires the use of force in a defensive capacity. If the one employing the initial force is using it against the other, then the other has the right to protect himself with an equal or greater force. The choice is either the destruction of the original aggressor or complete capitulation to his demands. As such, unless the object of the resistance is to humble ourselves before the tyrant, then force is necessary and mandated by the occurrence. Struggle without victory is self-destructive.

An equal force, on the other hand, leaves the outcome of the dispute in question. The odds of success or failure have been manipulated, but the end result is still a matter of luck, speed, or in some cases, deception.

However, if we meet a threat of force with force, or actual violence with even greater violence, then the odds of our success and the continuation of our existence is greatly enhanced. We are doing the best we can to defend our natural sovereignty and to block the aggression of the attacker at a later time.

But what about the law?

The law itself is built on a system of coercion and intimidation that requires the threat and use of force to exact the end it claims to hold. Yet it is apparent that only part of this point is true. If the goal of law is to protect the weak from aggression by a stronger force, then it would appear that all is well and good.

We find, however, that such is not the case. Rather, the law is used and manipulated by many who feel that they, being the upholders of the law, are above that which they claim to defend and protect. As such, they see themselves as gods and the powers they employ as the just powers wielded by gods upon mere mortals according to the whims of the gods themselves. The gods manipulate the law, rather than the gods being subject to it. They are, therefore, outside the realms of self-discipline.

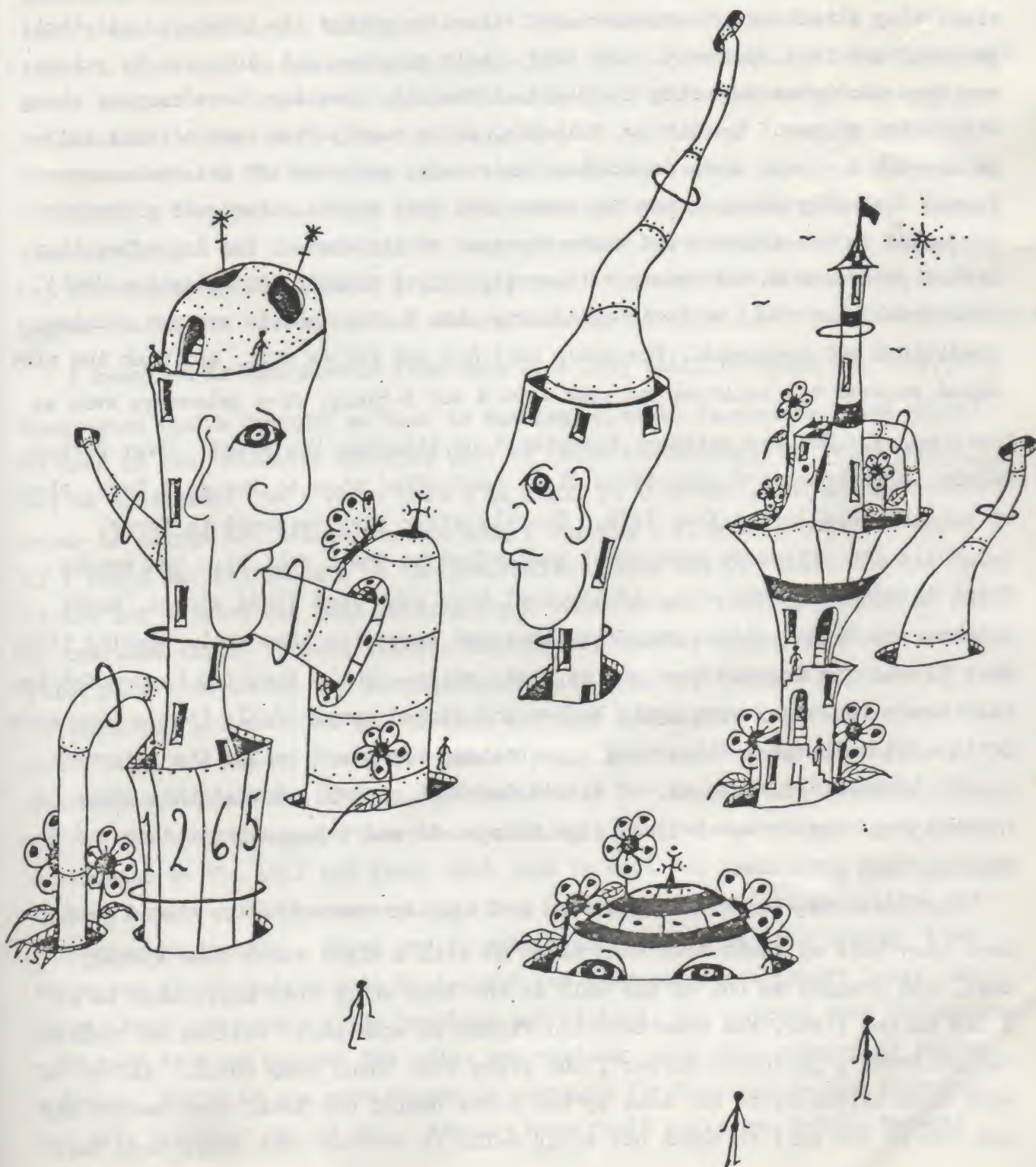
Power is used by them to enrich their lives and pockets at the expense of those less powerful than themselves. The law is manipulated by them to their own advantage rather than that of their "wards". As such, it has been bastardized and made into a lie - the velvet glove hiding the iron fist.

There are only two ways of dealing with such a situation once it arises. The first is with the use of reason. The second is with the sound and methodical application of violence. If reason fails, and against the power-wielders it often does, then the completely unrestrained floodgates of violence should be opened to drown both the power and its manipulators in a torrent of destruction. Only then can we claim and practice the freedom of being Men.

Freedom is an everyday matter. It is to be used and applied on a daily basis. If those who wish to usurp this freedom from our hands be overcome by the very weapons they have chosen to employ, then there is no argument against their complete and total destruction in the clash following the unveiling of their intent. As can be seen, they have simply succumbed to their own desires.

In conclusion then, we see that violence is usually necessary when confronting the aggressor. It is often our best weapon. Therefore, use it well.

- John H. Bosch -



Letter from Carl Harp

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since May 9, 1979 When we took over the Classification and Parole Building of this prison in the name of Human Rights and Justice, as an act of war against capitalism, much has happened to me other than petty harrassment, threats, and isolation in segregation to await a trial, but I have only grown stronger from it all. Things really began to get serious beginning June 15, 1979 after a prisoner was killed then a guard was killed here. The state pulled a massive right wing attack on all prisoners and literally gutted the prison of all their personal and legal property. All self - help programs and clubs run by prisoners were abolished including the Resident Council. Beatings were rampant along with other forms of brutality. July 7th, after twenty-five days of this and no showers one cell block demolished their cells and over 200 prisoners were forced violently out into the big yard where they remained for over a month subjected to the elements and under the guns of the state. The day after they rioted prisoners in the Intensive Security Unit (Behavior Modification Unit) also demolished their cells in solidarity with 8 wing, and to protest similar conditions and treatment. The whole unit did not follow suit, and when the riot squad entered the building and came down A and B-tiers, five prisoners were at their mercy. Not one prisoner threatened or attacked the squad. Over fifteen guards in various riot gear dress first handcuffed them to the cell bars, cleaned out their cells and then left. Shortly after they returned in force.

While the prisoners were still handcuffed to their cell bars the guards first maced them, then unmercifully beat them with lead lined gloves, night sticks, and boots. After uncuffing them and recuffing them while beating them, they kicked and dragged them out of their cells. While they lay handcuffed behind their backs they were again beaten and kicked unmercifully (tapes were made of it all) - The whole time they were beating the guard called the prisoners names, laughed, and cheered. I didn't demolish my cell, but at this gross inhumanity my rage drove me to my feet in my cell and I began protesting and demanding that it cease.

For this they entered my cell and set upon me unmercifully, when I went down they tore my pants down then raped me with a night stick then kicked, beat, and dragged me out of the cell to the teir where they surrounded me as I lay on the floor, and then beat and kicked me some more, calling me "political prisoner", "jailhouse lawyer", and every foul thing they could. All of us were then lifted up on our toes by the cuffs behind our back, then beaten AND run out of the unit to black out strip cells in another unit where they beat

us again as other prisoners watched (again all taped). After this we were uncuffed and forced to crawl naked on our hands and knees into the cell and lay face down. I was hurt so bad internally and externally (torn rectum, split eyebrow etc.) that they had to take me to an outside hospital in the city of Walla Walla where I remained for a week. They told me as I left the prison that they'd kill me if I mentioned their names, but the moment I was in the hospital I exposed it all to the world which caused the shit to hit the fan on all levels, even the federal government became involved. State Troopers guarded me at the hospital because my life was obviously not worth two cents without protection - numerous threats were made. After I was able to leave the hospital I was taken to the City Jail until I was threatened with death - from there I was taken to another county and jail where I learned a contract was out on me by guards. I was returned to the city jail after a few days where I passed a lie detector test. The next day, against my wishes, I was flown to California and placed in the state prison at San Quentin where George Jackson was murdered by the state. Other than the gross racism and gangism there I was treated alright and the conditions in segregation were livable. The reason for placing me in San Quentin officially was for protection from guards in Washington State, but the unofficial reason was to silence me, literally if possible...

I remained in San Quentin from July 21st 1979 until November 13, 1979, when Washington Guards brought me back to Washington state Penetentiary and placed me back in the Intensive Security Unit in isolation to await my trial which may be dismissed. As I write this I am still in this Unit, but all is well. Rumor is guards are betting on how long I survive - I, when I heard it asked if I could put ten dollars in the pot, smile. Since May 9th the world has heard it all and support has been international which is all that is keeping me and my comrades alive. Funds, stamps, literature, visits, cards, letters, and articles have come to us, and many protests have been written and printed. I wish to thank all you brothers and sisters for your solidarity and support and tell you I love you and am strong because of you. You have been my strength and my courage throughout all of this, and because of you we are winning here, and alive. Much of the support moved me so deeply I cried many times in my cage surrounded by the evil and death that lies in wait for me without shame or fear that my enemy would see me crying. Your love has made all of my actions and suffering worthwhile - thank you is not enough, and so in this letter I embrace you all in spirit with my deepest and warmest revolutionary love. But to win here and remain alive brothers and sisters, the support must be ongoing - WE have them up against the wall, and victory with your support is beyond a doubt. Unity is the main weapon of struggle for together we are powerful, and only together can we win. Already huge Civil suits are before Federal

Court with full legal community support - many community groups and individuals support us here. In my case much support is moving for my freedom, and a new trial, based around my suffering and evidence that I was wrongly sent to prison in the first place. PLEASE don't forget us, don't let them win, don't let them kill us. To go on we need your constant attention and all the support you can give NO MATTER how small. Pass the word, print the story, and unite with us in righteous love and rage against the only enemy of us all...

Carl Harp



 "Socialism and Anarchism are one and the same - more clearly the former is the end goal of the latter. Anarchism is the philosophy if you will, the theory in constant progress towards perfection, of the means to attain socialism by. Anarchism does not reject organization, centralisation, authority, discipline or leadership so long as they are socialist in form and not bourgeois in form. In other words, our organisations must prefigure the society we are struggling towards or we will never achieve that society. Our means must be in harmony with our ends - this is the whole business of theory and practice. Once we start practicing what we preach internally and externally we can call ourselves revolutionaries, but until then we remain slaves in the final analysis to all that we reject. Look not at the errors of anarchists and call that anarchism, but look to the root idea and basic principle of anarchism. Once you grasp them all will be clear, and you will reject everything else that claims to be revolutionary."

- Capt. Midnight -

 "The revolution isn't fought only upon the battlefields of war, nor are the only weapons used guns and bombs. The Revolution is also fought when we take a loved one in our arms and share ourselves without restraint. It is fought when we help a Brother or Sister once again gain their footing after a fall. When we give of ourselves all there is to give and discover there is still more to give. It is doing what we consider right even when the entire world rises up against us. It is saying NO to the oppressor, YES to the oppressed.

The Revolution is fought with smiles and tears. It is fought in the streets, the schools, and the homes. It is fought when we teach our children to stand tall as People, as members of a Race that refuses to serve evil. It is fought in the capitols and in our hearts. It is a complete Revolution, destroying the enemy and conquering our own weaknesses.

The Revolution is here today. It will be here tomorrow. To all my Brothers and Sisters, I say, "On with the Revolution. It is The Revolution, Our Revolution, and will be won or lost only as we win or lose."

Patrea o muerte, Venceramos!"

Sean Fain
 Washington State Penitentiary
 A.B.D.C.

CONCERNING REFORM

"Taking the teeth out of the monster does not change the monster's nature; if I am to be eaten alive, I would rather be chewed up than gummed to death".

-Carl L. Harp-

VIOLENCE, NONVIOLENCE, AND UNITY

A lot has happened here in the last few months and that's one of the reasons this issue is so late. Some of the other articles contained here give a good idea of a few of the individual problems encountered. But the real question at this time is, "What has been learned from these experiences?"

The main points can be summed up in three words: violence, non-violence and unity. The violence was initiated by the Administration of the institution to combat a spontaneous event -- the occupation of the area known as Peoples Park by approximately 200-400 inmates.

Nonviolence was the tool used by these prisoners to focus the attention of the world on the conditions here and was also an attempt on their part to act as a buffer between the two negotiating factions. Unity was the state of affairs the prisoners exhibited at that time.

The occupation of Peoples Park was a spontaneous act committed by several hundred inmates. There were no leaders nor was any attempt made by anyone to organize the event. Those prisoners who wished to stay did, and those who decided to return to their cells did return without interference. Some prisoners shared food and drink with other prisoners while others turned on their radios to catch the news and listen to good music.

Anarchy reigned.

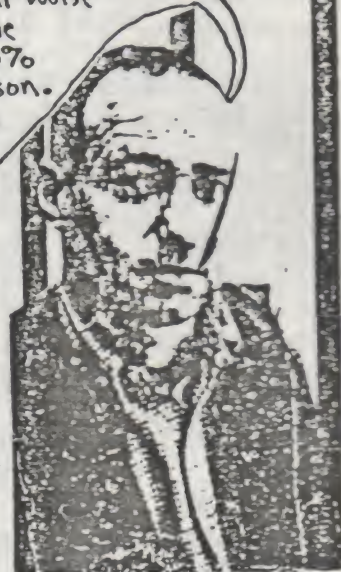
When the holders of the C&P building said they and their prisoners were hungry several kitchen workers volunteered to fix food for everyone. The Administration gave its assent but when the workers assembled in the kitchen, the doors were locked separating the kitchen workers from the rest of the population, rendering the task of food impossible. Still the prisoners remained nonviolent.

A collection was taken with food, drink, and cigarettes being delivered to those in the building. While the quantity was admittedly small, the act showed the solidarity of all prisoners involved.

Somewhere along this time all the guards in the area retreated to the Control Room, locking several gates behind them. No threats had been made against them and no rash actions had been instigated. The fact is that a great paranoia gripped all the guards and they ran to the safety of the Control Room like a pack of whipped dogs. We didn't need them anyway.

Everything was extremely peaceful until about 7:00 o'clock that night. We then received word that, no matter what, the Goon Squad was going to move in and "clear the area." Soon guards armed with shotguns and high-powered rifles took up positions on the wall and a few minutes later the Squad appeared, trotting into People's Park in full riot gear.

It's really
simple. Prisons
don't work! They
don't protect society
and they don't rehabilitate
us. What the government
says about prisons is pure
shit. They don't lock us up
so we can learn a trade
or learn how to participate.
We're locked up to be punished.
So we often come out worse
than before. It's little
wonder that over 80%
of us return to prison.
For sure prisons do
not stop crime or
reform us
criminals.



Some prisoners started filling their pockets with rocks while others tore pipes from the side of the buildings. Others filled plastic juice containers with water to be used to wash out eyes in the event tear gas was used. All retreated a little to a smaller area between the Chow Hall and the Admissions Building.

The first act of violence was committed by the Goon Squad; firing tear gas at the prisoners they started to advance. A few prisoners began throwing rocks and all continued to retreat slowly toward the Big Yard. It was pretty obvious that rocks were no match for firearms.

One of the prisoners, John H. Borsch, was shot at close range by a guard armed with a tear gas gun. Borsch was unarmed and carried only a plastic bottle filled with water. But, since he is a member of ABDC, the Administration had marked him for "special treatment" as a troublemaker. It was learned later that the cannister that sent him sailing through the air did not hit him by accident. Lt. Ledford, the officer in charge of Borsch's hearing, stated on tape that the shooting occurred as a premeditated act. The reason given was that Borsch was "ready to throw something", yet many prisoners have stated that this was a lie. He was unarmed.

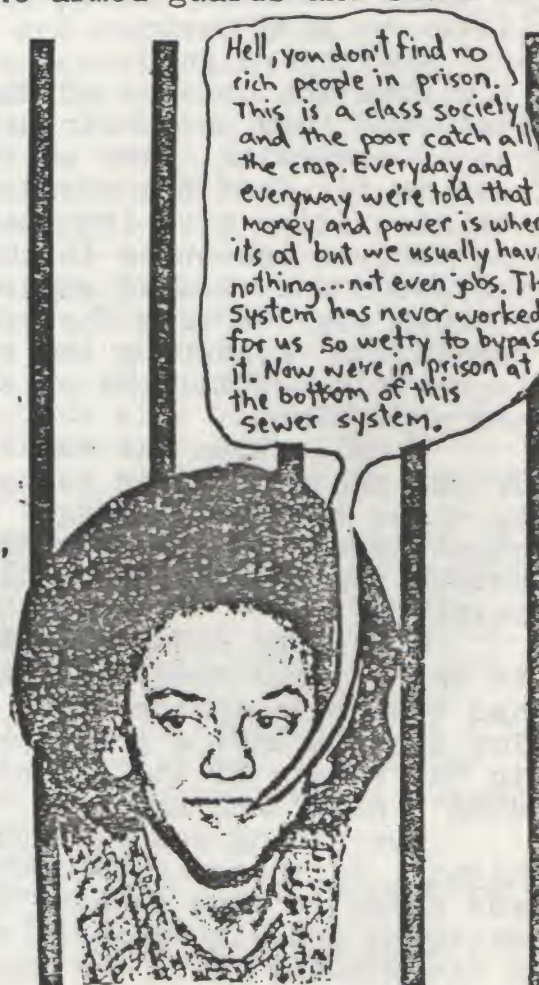
Once the prisoners were locked in the Big Yard, a short period of regrouping took place. Throughout the night various individuals destroyed the benches, recreation shack and equipment, and anything else that would burn. Bonfires were lit, coffee and soup were brewed, and there was real solidarity. One prisoner decided to destroy every window in one of the guard towers with rocks. It was as if the prisoners were shouting, "We don't need you" to the armed guards and state troopers manning the walls.

So, what did we learn?

We learned, once again, that the State and Administration will utilise any action, including violence, against anyone so that the juggernaut of irrationality will rumble unopposed in its quest for supremacy. The first violence was instigated by the Administration and the greatest violence was utilised by the state to quell what was, in essence, a peaceful protest. The subsequent beatings and the bringing of unfounded charges -- resulting in convictions, of course, when tried by a biased committee -- showed that this violence for the sake of wielding power can be shown in many ways.

We learned that the prisoners can unite, spontaneously, against a common enemy when the need arises. Throughout the night and the months following we saw prisoners helping other prisoners against the power of the state. Many prisoners filed suits against the Administration and many others gave sworn affidavits to support the claims. Others helped with legal work.

Telephone calls reporting the incidents and latest developments were made to the media and the story of the prisoners was heard in the outside world. Letters to the Legislature brought some action.



We aren't going to abolish JUST prisons 'as they're only a symptom of a malfunctioning society. Prisons reflect every aspect of society - sexism, racism, violence - intensified. So if we want to change this brutal prison system, let's start with breaking down this brutal and inhumane society! But as a start, as an alternative to prison, let us be out in the community where we will learn our responsibility - not be isolated from it.



Prisoners raised their voices so loudly that the news was carried throughout the nation and the world. It dominated the media to such an extent that the Governor ordered all investigations halted, the books closed, and a lid put on the entire program. But the order came too late.

We learned that the theory of non-violence in such instances is one of our greatest weapons. We showed that the technique of passive involvement can combat the use of guns, clubs, and gas. Our resistance to the violence of the Administration showed the world that it is not always the prisoner who is the criminal, nor is it the system of law and order that is always the "good guy".

Sure a few rocks were thrown by some prisoners, but this act was more a symbol of rage and frustration than a serious effort to hurt the guards. Most of the prisoners, when they found out it was useless to attempt to hold ground, retreated to the Big Yard and helped other prisoners get over the effects of the tear gas.

And some prisoners learned the hard way that they must get involved to change the system. At one point the Administration ordered all prisoners to return to their cells. Those who tried found the doors locked and the guards refusing to open them. They became victims of the same brutality we all faced. They were forced to face a barrage of tear gas, and the unrelenting hostility of armed sadists. Some have been unable to return to the slumber of non-involvement.

Most of all, we learned that we, the prisoners and legally defined slaves of one of the most powerful nations on this planet, can raise our voices and be heard. We learned that a great many people are interested in learning about the injustices done in the name of justice. And we learned that we can face the future knowing that our brothers and sisters are willing to fight the battle with us.

Maybe the horror of Attica will be seen side by side with the glory of the walls. They are both good lessons. Let's not forget them.

- SEAN FAIN -

REACTIONS

I guess by this time the news of the takeover of the C&P Building here on May 9th, 1979, has reached just about everyone. Since this is the case I see no reason to go into detail about it again. However, a few following details on conditions here are in order.

At that time I was shot at close range by a guard armed with a tear gas gun. The next day I was placed in Segregation and charged with, among other things, inciting to riot, rioting, threatening an officer and possession of a weapon. I had no weapon, didn't riot, nor did I threaten anyone or incite others to riot. I was denied medical treatment for a week.

A Hearing on the incident was called and I was convicted of all infractions. Of course, an impartial panel was impossible to get and the head of the Hearing Committee, Lt. Ledford, acknowledged this when he said at the end of it, "Before this Hearing began, I was told by many other guards here that you were the main troublemaker."

I was held in Segregation from May until September as "a severe threat to the security of the institution." On June 15 I was threatened with a beating by three guards who were looking for a victim because of the killing of another guard, Sgt. Cross. It didn't matter to them that I was not involved in it. After all, being in Segregation was enough to brand me a troublemaker. That these threats were real was illustrated a few minutes later when they beat up a prisoner on the other end of the tier, and a few weeks later when several more prisoners were beaten by the Goon Squad. Brother Carl was a victim of this brutality.

A few days later some guards were "fired" -- without loss of pay, by the way -- pending an investigation into the incident. When I remarked to some other prisoners about this, and the fact that it was now making the media that not all the trouble was from the convicts, I was threatened with beatings again.

The same thing has been happening ever since. As soon as the lockdown was over, Sgt. Salle told me that there was a bullet waiting for me. My mail is being intercepted and held back for days at a time. Due to some of my legal mail being held for about 2 weeks one time, I am having trouble with my Appeal.

On November 2 I was placed in Segregation because the Administration claimed to have recieved word that I and seven others were involved in a conspiracy to kill a guard. A report made on me at the time accused me of being involved in the takeover in May. A section of an ABDC statement was used in it to show the entire collective as a group of trouble-

makers bent on agitation and instigation only. The entire Collective is under attack. For this reason many members have decided to keep a low profile for now.

Some of the treatment is downright diabolical. Some of the guards are spreading rumours, either on their own or with the knowing or unwitting cooperation of prisoners, that various people are informants. Another device uncovered is where a certain guard, day after day will single out a prisoner for the "friend treatment". The guard will smile, speak in low tones about anything so that only he and his victim will know what the conversation is about. The rest is up to the observation of the other prisoners who suddenly decide that the prisoner-victim is working for or with the guard. Or the guard might do a "favour" ("Want a cigarette?") for a prisoner -- in full view of other prisoners who don't realize the game being played on them by the guard. These actions cause friction between prisoners, the friction develops into conflict, and the conflict is dealt with by the Administration, who takes credit for breaking up inmate violence.

Yeah, some of us are assholes. But, most of us are not a menace to society...we just broke some rules. But those who are who are violent or really sick, the ones who break bodies, well they definately need help. But they sure won't find any here. The prison system itself is fucking sick and violent!



Even with the coverage this place has gotten the beatings still continue. Prisoners are beaten, denied mail, medication is withheld, and we are subject to any treatment that the guards feel like inflicting on us. Hell hasn't stopped operating; it's only tried to hide the flames.

To tell you the truth, I'm reaching the end of my rope. The continuing hassels are getting to be too much. But the fight has to go on. And it will.

Not all the beatings or other hassels are being directed against the Collective. Anyone here is subject to them. The supposed conspiracy was discovered to be a lie, but that doesn't help the prisoners who were put in Segregation for it. What about their records that contain the accusation? What about the legal work that has been interrupted?

The whole thing is a plot by the Administration and the guards to coerce prisoners not to testify about conditions here. Many of us have suits in court against the institution or are appearing as witnesses for others. If some of these witnesses can be "persuaded" not to testify or else to testify for the institution, it will appear that the prisoners are lying about conditions here. Or if their credibility can be attacked enough the same effect can be reached.

But we are not alone in this fight. The incidents here have aroused the curiosity of the Federal Government. While investigations at the State level have been covered up and discouraged -- on the orders of the Governor -- Federal authorities have decided to look into the complaints. They are not pleased by what they find.

A prisoner asked me one time why I didn't sit back and cool it for a little bit. "After all," he said, "they'll kill you if you oppose them too much." That's the main reason I continue to fight. Of course they'll kill me. But they'll kill me anyway, whether I continue to fight or not. That's already understood.

Check out George Orwell's book, 1984. It makes the point that if those in power kill a known radical, all they do is create a martyr. But if that radical sits back and "reforms" then he can be killed without achieving martyrdom status. And he must be killed because his "rehabilitation" might not be complete. He could become a radical again.

But death stops that.

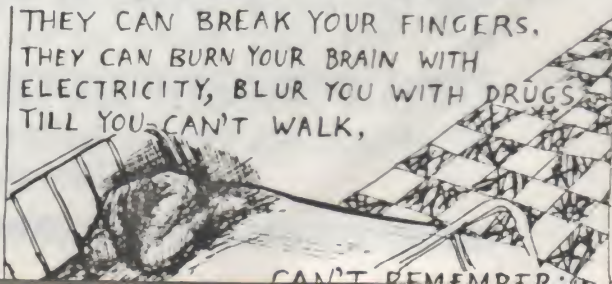
So, in the interests of self-preservation -- at the very least -- the fight must go on. Besides, are we to sit back and allow these terrible things to happen to ourselves and others? If we don't actively oppose an evil and corrupt system we help it to propagate its evil and corruption.

A guard asked me today why I act like this and thus bring all sorts of trouble on my family outside. The only answer I could give him was that it was the state and its agents that are hurting my family. They couldn't get me so they attacked my family.

To protect them I once did what a lot of radicals do. I quit. I called it "retirement" to give it a nice sounding name and ease my conscience. You know what happened? Trouble increased. My ex-wife was beaten by two cops. She was terrorized by a police informant into giving him 1.7 grams of marijuana. She was placed in a mental "hospital" for "observation" and by the time her trial came up the state had turned the 1.7 grams into a major country-wide narcotics ring. When I went to see the informant about his terrorizing my family, I was arrested for threatening him in his capacity as a witness in an upcoming trial. He held a gun on me and I was unarmed, but justice is blind to irrelevant things like that.

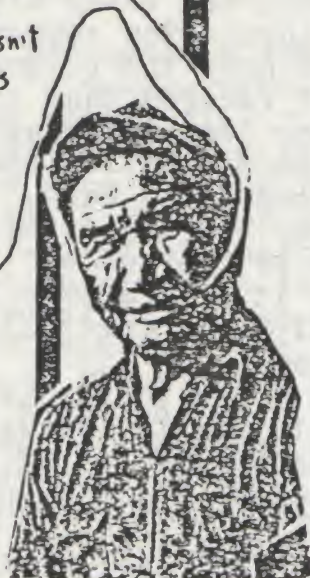
So here I am in prison. Quit? "Retire"? Sure, the day that the State is gone forever or my body quits ("retires"?) from working. Until that day comes I'll oppose the State at every turn. If my family and I get back together the fight will go on. If we don't, the battle will rage anyway.

THEY CAN BREAK YOUR FINGERS,
THEY CAN BURN YOUR BRAIN WITH
ELECTRICITY, BLUR YOU WITH DRUGS,
TILL YOU CAN'T WALK,



CAN'T REMEMBER

This is a fucking racist society. That's why Indians, Native people fill up about 60% of the prisons but are only 5% of the population. The system has taken our land, outlawed our lifestyles, it treats us like dogs, doesn't give us jobs, doesn't give us acceptance, sells us a bunch of garbage and then locks us up in prison when we don't go along for the ride. We're not criminals, we're fucking victims, victims of this racist society!



It's not just me. There are a lot of people who feel the same way. Count us, America. We're one hell of a big army. An army composed of people tired of the bullshit. An army that knows that "Law and Order" is not only a phrase of conflicting words and false advertising, but a smoke screen behind which the powerful hide their abuses of the lower classes.

Check out your history, America. Your wonderful police forces were founded by the rich to protect their interests. Check out the Haymarket Riot and the Steel, Coal, and Railway strikes. Check out the history of this "Law and Order". Look at Attica, San Quentin, and McAllister. It will turn your gut, America. And if it doesn't, that's just more proof of the extent of the damage. Retire? Quit? Over my dead body!

John H. Bosch

"It is often said that anarchists live in a world of dreams to come and do not see things which happen today. We see them only too well, and in their true colors, and that is what makes us carry the hatchet into the forest of prejudices that besets us." Peter Kropotkin

HOW TO WIN

First, prisoners must become self-reliant in everything we do. We must become self-responsible and self-disciplined.

Secondly, we must communicate, coordinate, and unite with the outside community or we will only be committing suicide.

Thirdly, we must use every level of struggle that we know against the enemy, including his own laws.

Patience is mandatory. Organization, individually and collectively, is everything.

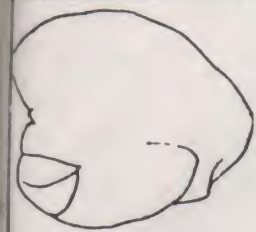
Unity inside and outside is the only way to win. To obtain that unity we must use our love and the truth. Tell no lies to, and play no games with, our friends.

Remember, we are all Brothers and Sisters behind these walls. Let the ignorance return to the ignorant, the only enemy of us all.

Do not become as the enemy is if you love yourself, and truly desire change.

-Capt. Midnight-





The simmering struggle of prisoners at the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla once again exploded on the morning of Monday, December 29th. One hundred prisoners participated in delivering a defiant reply to 17 months of the state and federal government's savage repression and lying promises of reform. Prisoners set a number of fires and wrecked general prison buildings in the first major rebellion among the general prison population since July, 1979.

segregation at Walla Walla, and Carl was involuntarily transferred to California's San Quentin where he remains to this day.

On July 8, 1979, Shane had no choice but to watch guards brutally beat prisoners in segregation. One of these prisoners was his comrade, Carl, who the guards also raped with a riot baton. After this Clyde and Shane were told by guards that they would be next at the first opportunity, and that Carl would be killed for the take-over and for publicly exposing the July 8th beatings.

Clyde, who also had personal differences with other prisoners, could take no more, made his deal and was transferred. Shortly after this, Shane alone and isolated, plus also having personal differences with other prisoners and political mistakes, broke. He plead guilty, but even though he made the same deal as Clyde, the State refused to transfer him. Carl refused to break in the face of this news and continued to demand his right to a public jury trial.

In May 1980, prisoners in the penitentiary with Carl helping, proved all of the Injustice and Inhumanity they face inside in a Federal Court. (See page 3) The court declared the penitentiary cruel and inhuman plus ordered changes in the penitentiary that were requested by the prisoners. About two weeks after this victory, all criminal charges against Carl for the take-over were dismissed. The State did not want anymore public exposure of itself.

Many inside and out of prison have accused Shane and Clyde of selling Carl and the cause out and have condemned, criticized and shunned them for it. This is wrong, for in reality Shane and Clyde did not hurt Carl or the cause - they only hurt themselves unintentionally. Sure, in a way Shane and Clyde let Carl and the cause down. But how many others inside and out of prison could take on the most repressive arm of the Capitalist system politically bare handed - especially from within prison - and even be half as strong as they were before they broke?

No one knows where Clyde is and what he is doing. Shane after resting some an regrouping, is back in the struggle the wiser for it all, trying to make amends. He deserves some praise and our support. Criticize them yes, but condemn and shun (for anything else) no. No one has the right to condemn and shun these two prisoners who at least tried to go all the way. We all know the incredible pressure put upon prisoners who struggle for any justice and any change. We all try to be perfect, but none of us are. We inside and out of prison should learn the lessons Shane and Clyde taught us all, even in their weakness.



Harp Beats Hostage Charges, State Embarrassed

As many know, on May 9, 1979, Carl Harp, Shane Green and Clyde Washburn took over the Classification and Parole Building in the Washington State Penitentiary and held 10 persons hostage until they exposed to the world the Injustice and Inhumanity inflicted on all prisoners in the penitentiary. Then they peacefully surrendered and were taken to segregation.

The take-over was for all intents and purposes non-violent and not one hostage was even verbally abused. Carl, Shane and Clyde knew nothing would be easy and might even cost them their lives, especially during the take-over, but they went all out anyway. Not one of them asked for any amnesty and all three demanded charges and a public jury trial to put the entire Capitalist System via its Penal System on trial. This, the State did not at all wish. For what the three did get away with, the State was enraged and swore revenge. Carl, Shane and Clyde knew all of this, but thought they could face and handle it. It didn't work out like they figured it might.

While in segregation all three were constantly harassed by prison officials and guards, repeatedly threatened with death, often found things like pills, glass and cigarette butts in their food, plus were left at the mercy of the State by Legal Aid who abandoned them. The pressure was almost unbearable, but from July 5, 1979, it became so intense that Shane and Clyde cracked. Both Shane and Clyde made deals with the State and plead guilty for the deals. Clyde as a part of his deal got an immediate transfer out of state to an unknown prison. Shane is still in

"THE ONLY GOOD STATE IS A STATE OF MIND THAT PRACTICES IN WORD AND DEED ITS REVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT." (A.B.D.C.)

Politics And The Prison Struggle

To Russel D. Smith, Director
People Organised to Stop Rape of
Imprisoned Person
Box 4413, Chicago, ILL. 60680
December 12, 1980

Dear Russell,

Received Vol.1, No.5 December 1980
Issue of POSRIP Newsletter, and wish to say a few
things and offer suggestions and input for discussion.

...Men Against Sexism in the Washington State Pen
was the brainchild of Ed Mead who was and is a
Marxist-Leninist, and Anarchists helped make it a
reality until it was crushed as an organization by
the State. I was one of the Anarchists who helped
make it a reality-I was a member and co-founder of
M.A.S.. The Anarchist Black Dragon Collective came
out of and around the struggles in M.A.S. and the
Walla Walla Brothers. When W.W.Bs. were all prisoners
with the same goal in mind. Through unity and
through struggle, they found the means to be victor-
ious many times for themselves and for all people
inside and out of prison.

Many self-help prisoners' organizations in the pen-
itentiary belonged to the W.W.B.s in the United
Front sense, and played their parts well, leading
here and helping there. All Washington State Pen-
itentiary prisoners and their organizations came
together for all intents and purposes to be one
out of need to face a common enemy. One class
united who were not lead as a whole by Marxist-
Leninists or Anarchists. Our outside support was
also made up of M.L.s, (A)s, religious people even,
etc.

The above is why and how we won what victories we
have won up there so far, and how such organiza-
tions as M.A.S. came into being. Sectarianism only
caused problems internally and externally that often
threatened unity and the cause as a whole. Theory
and practise developed out of all this that
helped us all win. Many times there was no difference,
especially and specifically M.L.s and (A)s, and
often what we both thought was revolutionary wasn't,
and we became revolutionary thereby. No one indi-
vidual, no one group, no one theory, etc., lead us
to victories, or brought into reality anything in
the final analysis as a whole. We helped each other
to be one and win. This way our theory and practice...

As to the need for a political foundation in prison
organising, I and many others inside and out, both
Anarchists and non-Anarchists, agree that a firm
foundation, a firm political foundation is a must.
We support POSRIP taking such a foundation as its
own as long as it is non-sectarian, as long as it
is discovered and worked out by all prisoners, ex-
prisoners and outside people willing to discover
and work it out together as one. Especially in
this case, I and others after the above history
believe a non-sectarian position is revolutionary.

all, make us all much stronger nationally and hope-
fully internationally. A non-sectarian position and
foundation would stop any domination and control
of POSRIP by one individual, one party, one group,
one dogma or one theory but the one we all disco-
vered and worked out. POSRIP could become a very
revolutionary organisation if put together right.
It could grow into a revolutionary United Front.
on an international scale. It is gonna take many
people, ideas, etc., to build that one political
foundation that is truly firm, that brings us all
together as one against our common enemy and leads
us to total victory.

I'm not suggesting that Anarchists or Marxist-Len-
inists are not revolutionary-merely throwing out
for whatever it is worth, the idea and suggestion
called Unity. Unity is mandatory inside and out
like we need air to breathe. Unity is the only tool
and weapon, that with other tools and weapons will
achieve victory over the common enemy and achieve
our common goal.

I and others also agree that political study is an
essential tool to successful organising, and Marxist-
Leninist have much good to contribute so the study
of Marxism should be a part of the overall struggle
but we Anarchists also have much good to contribute
so the study of Anarchism should also be a part of
the overall struggle. A serious study of Anarchism
would do anybody and any group a world of good on
the revolutionary side of things. Anyone who has
really gotten into Anarchism cannot deny this
especially if they are revolutionary. Whatever helps
should be taken into serious consideration. To say
not true is a serious error.

-Carl Harp-

TERRORISM

The idea that terrorism results from the Capitalistic sick-
ness(es) of individualism is false. Individualism is neither a
sickness nor is it a result of Capitalism. The Capitalists might
talk big about the right of a person to be an individual, but in
actual practice they deny this right to anyone but themselves.
Even among themselves, there are strict rules of behaviour that
dictate just how far one may go in practicing it.

The only ones who actively pursue individualism are the egoists
and other types of anarchist. The fundamental concepts of Anarchism
are individualism and related ideas. Max Stirner presented the
idea in "The Ego and Its Own". All other Anarchist theories
revolve around this basic concept, that the individual has the
right to dictate his own life.

Misdirected acts are a danger and a symptom (sometimes) of
irresponsibility, but we must recognize the right of all people
to use whatever weapons are available to them. Survival is often
a rationale for using terrorism. Terror, properly used, is one
of the best psychological weapons in any arsenal. Let no one
disarm the people...

"While you are playing your little political games with each other
in the name of the Revolution thousands and thousands are suffering
and dieing in the world.....While you are playing your little
political games with each other in the name of the Revolution thousands
and thousands are suffering and dieing all around you." - Carl Harp.

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Anarchist ABC

by Carl Harp

A is for Anarchy in its most positive sense which is life itself longing only to live...

B is for Beautiful. That's something we all are when we're human beings and not robots...

C is for the Child in all of us, and for the children all over the world - not to mention those to come...

D is for daring. That's what it takes to be free...

E is for easy. Easy is how it would be to make right all the wrongs if we all came together...

F is for Freedom. Freedom is what we got coming and don't have to wait for or buy...

G is for Good. That's what we all are when we break ourselves down to basics...

H is for the Humanity in our hearts that we long for in our lives. It only needs to be practiced to be a reality...

I is for Inequality. We must do away with all classes to be free of inequality and be equal...

J is for Justice. Justice is what no state will ever give us unless a state of mind takes it...

K is for Kill Joy. A kill joy is what a ruler, a priest, and a cop are...

L is for the Love life can fill you with...

M is for Meaningful Existence. A meaningful existence cannot be had unless we are free of all that holds us back like capitalism does...

N is for Nurd. A nurd is someone who believes they need someone to free them...

O is for Only. Only you can free yourself especially if you join with others...

P is for Prisons. They are places that, in the interest of Justice we must abolish...

Q is for Quiet. That's how we get when we know a wrong when we see it. Instead of remaining quiet why not make some noise...

R is for Revolution. Revolution is only change and that's something we need in our world and our daily lives...

S is for the State and Socialism. All states are anti-social except a state of mind that practices in word and deed it's revolutionary thought. And socialism is what will replace capitalism, and the need for states that are anti-social...

T is for Truth, the foundation of all justice. The truth is we are all slaves and will remain slaves until we break the chains around our necks...

U is for Unity. Unity is the main weapon of struggle for we are only as powerful as we are together...

V is for the Victory we shall achieve if we come together...

W is for the World. The world is our country in reality. So why all the borders?

X is a hard thing to define like how will the future be is a hard question to answer, but unless we practice the future today we'll never know...

Y is for You. And you are beautiful when you want to be...

Z is for the Zoo. The zoo is a place we'd like to be rather than be bored to death on a factory line all day long, five days a week, for nothing in reality...